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Applicant: Virgil D. GILGOR et al.

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SCHEMES FOR DATA INTEGRITY  
PROTECTION

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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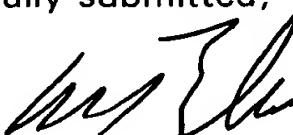
In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group 1a (Claims 1-51, 61-64, 71-74, 81-86 and 89), drawn to determining authentication tag for prosecution in the subject application in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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